

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

March 21, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jeff Going called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Harbor Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. ATTENDANCE
Jeff Going, Chairman
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
Joe Zaraschi
John Senning Buddy Hitchcock, Alternate
Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
Cy Libby, Deputy Harbor Master
Ruth Hockert, Clerk
3. MINUTES – February Minutes

Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to approve the February Minutes as submitted, Wally Schieferdecker Seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously
4. PUBLIC COMMENT - none
5. FINANCIAL REPORT
6. Walter Wiegert distributed the March Financial Report and reviewed it with the Commission.

Motion – Joe Zaraschi moved to accept the march Treasurer's Report as submitted, Wally Schieferdecker seconded.
4-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained

Walter Wiegert submitted the following invoices for payment:
Ruth Hockert, Clerk \$ 286.65
Prorated state marshal fee \$ 150.00
Legal invoice for sale of abandoned vessel \$ 1042.25
Legal notice costs \$ 262.73

Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the submitted invoices, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
4-0-1 motion approved, John Senning abstained

John Senning commended Dauntless Shipyard and Marina for assisting the Harbor Master with the abandoned vessel issue and Paul Riggio thanked the John Senning Law Group for the special billing rate. John Senning believes the Commission needs to think about a way to get the authority to deal with abandoned vessels.

7. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Abandoned vessel update – the vessels were sold to Dauntless Shipyard

Request for sabbatical Robert Wolff – handled last meeting

Permit Renewal update – any existing gaps in the anchorage are in the south end

Wait List – Main Needleman, Rosenberg, Unsure Dowie (will add Dowie when sure what anchorage)

Paul Riggio brought to the Commission his feeling that he must respond to the Dauntless Club as the letter discussed at the last meeting was addressed to him.

8. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

Rock Pile Removal update – RFP change the language to not indicate type of equipment put in dates 11/1 – 3/31 and have the date be early in the day the day of the meeting.

B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Update Harbor Management Plan-Review Ordinance

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS

New rack for Bushnell Park – Paul Riggio will receive updated pricing tomorrow and the material will arrive in about a week and a half.

Town Dock – railing – add to next month's agenda

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had forwarded the Watershed abstract. Wally Schieferdecker has been attending the meetings and has some real concerns about the restrictions included in the abstract proposal. He will keep the Commission informed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Walter Wiegert has obtained two free concrete 500 pound blocks. He asked if the Commission could use them as buoy weights. Cy Libby of Dauntless Shipyard will remove them from Walter's truck and assess their possible use.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Dauntless Shipyard and Marina submitted a proposal for work on buoy marks AE and I. Cy Libby reviewed the proposal with the Commission.

Motion - Walter Wiegert moved to approve the proposal from Dauntless Shipyard to repair the buoy marks for the upcoming season, Wally Schieferdecker seconded 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

Repair of floats

There is no update on any available FEMA funds to repair damage to town floats.

The quote for Mack Lane (because half of the floatation is missing and pipes are bent) is \$ 3800.00 to build an entire new dock.

The Town Park dock needs new decking \$ 1060.00.

The Main Street float needs one plan replaced \$ 200.00

Motion – Joe Zaraschi moved to proceed with the maintenance as quoted above totaling \$ 5060.00, Wally Schieferdecker seconded, 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously.

Joe Zaraschi talked about the small vessels which have been removed to the town garage. Many of them have been there for two seasons. The amount previously determined to be an appropriate fee to recover a small vessel is the \$ 25.00 cost of the permit plus and administrative fee of \$ 50.00

There are:

1 -13' canoe

2- 12'aluminum rowboats

2 kayaks

1- Pram

John Senning said one legal notice could be done for all vessels to have an auction.

Motion - Wally Schieferdecker moved to spend not more than \$ 500 for legal work and \$ 300 for advertising to auction off the abandoned vessels, Walter Wiegert seconded 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

Discussion regarding developing a Harbor Commission Newsletter
Drafts for proposed submission to Essex Events

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hockert, Clerk